

California Medical Association



NOTICES AND REPORTS

Robert Thomas Is New CMA Executive Director

ROBERT L. THOMAS was named executive director of the California Medical Association at the July meeting of the CMA Council in Los Angeles.

Thomas, 43, has been an associate executive director of the CMA since March 1966, and a member of the staff since 1951.

He succeeds Howard "Hap" Hassard, who resigned in order to devote full time to his law practice. Hassard has been executive director on a part-time basis since 1958. His law firm has represented CMA for more than a half century. He has been chief counsel to CMA since 1945.

"I regret that the growth of the organization made it necessary for me to choose between being legal counsel and executive director," Hassard said.

"I think we have the best staff of any medical



ROBERT L. THOMAS

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association in the country, and I look upon the Council's action as a vote of confidence in us all," Thomas said in accepting the appointment. "We will continue to contribute our combined efforts to promote the programs and effectiveness of the association."

Thomas was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1948 with a degree in business administration, and is a graduate of the

American Institute of Organizational Management. He is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives and American Association of Medical Society Executives.

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 533rd Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Hilton Inn, 27 May 1967.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller at the Hilton Inn, on Saturday, 27 May 1967, at 9:30 a.m.

A quorum was present and acting (full roll call, including names of invited guests, appears in Item 34).

1. Election of New Fourth District Councilors

On behalf of the Council of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Vice-Speaker Boyle recommended the election of Sam S. Woolington, M.D., of Long Beach and Robert L. Watson, Jr., M.D., of Los Angeles to fill the vacancies in the Councilor offices held by President-Elect Todd and Vice-Speaker Boyle.

ACTION: Voted to elect Sam S. Woolington, M.D. and Robert L. Watson, Jr., M.D. as new Fourth District Councilors, to serve as provided in Chapter VIII, Section 9 of the Bylaws.

2. Minutes for Approval

The minutes of the 531st Meetings of the Council, held 14 to 19 April 1967, and of the 532nd meeting held 19 April 1967 were approved.

3. Report of the President

President Morrison read a letter recently received from Doctor Dwight L. Wilbur, Editor of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE. Doctor Wilbur stated that it was his understanding that the election of an Associate Editor for CALIFORNIA MEDICINE would be brought before the Council by the end of summer.

Doctor Morrison also gave a progress report on the CMA-Blue Shield Congressional Visitation, scheduled for 15 and 16 June in Washington, D.C. He stated that the function would enable the

visiting group to meet with California Congressmen, Senators and their staff on an individual basis as well as in group sessions. Doctor Morrison recommended that the Council approve himself and Doctors Miller and Boyle to represent CMA on this trip.

ACTION: Voted to approve Doctors Morrison, Miller and Boyle to represent CMA on the Joint Congressional Visitation.

Doctor Morrison mentioned that Blue Shield would be represented by Doctors Richard Wilbur, Carl Anderson and Gregory Murray.

Doctor Morrison called the Council's attention to the proposed bylaws for implementing the Council's previous decision to participate in a joint data collection project with the California Hospital Association. The Council reviewed the proposed bylaws for the "California Health Data Corporation" as well as the outline of data to be collected for each patient. There was some discussion regarding whether the organization should be designated as a "Corporation" or "Foundation." Gordon R. Cumming, president-elect of the California Hospital Association, generally explained how the proposed organization would operate. It was pointed out that Article IV of the proposed bylaws would not legally bind CMA to any sizeable contribution to the organization without Council approval.

ACTION: Voted to approve the proposed bylaws for the "California Health Data Corporation," with the understanding that the Committee for Emergency Action, in concert with the Executive Committee of the California Hospital Association, would be authorized to make such changes as necessary as the project progresses.

Doctor Morrison also commented briefly on a number of meetings he had recently attended or planned to attend, representing the CMA. Among these was a projected meeting with Governor Reagan and his staff. Doctor Morrison stated that he hoped this meeting would result in the development of a continuing liaison with the Governor's office regarding matters affecting the public health.

4. Report of the President-Elect

President-Elect Malcolm C. Todd reported on various meetings he had recently attended, including meetings with representatives of the California Licensed Vocational Nurses, the Southern California State Dental Association, the California Hospital Association, the Public Health League and the Hospital Planning Association of Southern California.